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1. In mid-October, Lieutenant Colonel Elpidio Reymundo, commanding officer of the Southern Luzon Constabulary Forces, was called to Constabulary headquarters in the Candaba Swamp for consultation with General Castaneda. They discussed the progress of operations against the Hukbalahaps.
2. Afterward, Reymundo stated that the ranking officers of the Constabulary were of the opinion that the Huk elements could not be reformed by amnesty or any other peaceful methods, and, as a result, the Constabulary had adopted a policy of total annihilation. The present Constabulary operations represent a slow steady slaughter of Huks, a fact which is being kept from the public. According to Castaneda and Reymundo, all dissident elements will have been eliminated by December 1948. The Constabulary now refuses to give quarter to anyone; those Huks who are able to surrender are registered, given some sort of amnesty, and then compelled to return to their established residences. They are not permitted to come to Manila for shelter, since it is the deliberate intention of the government that they return home where they will again find themselves in the center of hostilities, eventually to be eliminated along with the remainder of the Huk forces.

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